

# **SAINT ELIZABETHS EAST FRAMEWORK REDEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY & COMPILATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Wednesday, September 24, 2008 6:30-8:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Saint Elizabeth's Chapel (Main Sanctuary) 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20032
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Provide the community an overview of the final redevelopment framework plan for Saint Elizabeths East and to discuss the next steps for the plan.
<b>Meeting Format:</b>	The presentation included an open house, welcome and introductions by the DC Office of Planning, a presentation by the Office of Planning and the Consultant team, and a question and answer session with meeting participants regarding the final redevelopment framework plan.

## **SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY MEETING COMMENTS**

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- Wanted to know if the community will get notice of the General Services Administration (GSA) meeting on October 4, 2008.
- Expressed concern about the presentation and the intended target of the presentation. Concerned that the presentation was targeted to developers rather than Ward 8 residents.
- Wanted to know why the proposed Metro stop was located on the north of the new development.
- Concerned that the proposed plan lacked sufficient parks and open space and that this point had been raised in previous meetings, but now ignored.
- Wanted to know how many residents could be accommodated if only the historical, existing buildings were renovated. Want to know when the community could get this information.
- Asked if historical buildings would be torn down.
- How many people from outside of Ward 8 are targeted to come to the completed development on a daily basis?
- Wanted to know why the equestrian center/program was not included in the proposed plan. Suggested that DC partner with a private entity to provide the equestrian facility.

- Wanted to know if the location of the Department of Homeland Security on the site would eliminate the proposed recreation facility.
- Wanted to make sure that DC defined "the community" to include Ward 8 residents. Believes that preferences should be given to the current Ward 8 residents as well as future residents of the Ward.
- Wanted to know what the criteria will be for selecting a master developer. How will the implementation of the development work fit in with existing zoning requirements and regulations? Will there be a new quasi government entity that will handle the zoning?
- How will parking be handled under the proposed development for the site?
- Will there be more opportunities for the community to engage in the project during implementation?
- Wanted to know if there is sufficient funding set-aside for the project. Wants to make sure that there is sufficient funding that will not be cut before or during the project.
- Wanted to know how bringing federal employees to the area contributes to the tax base of DC.
- Wanted to know why the Department of Homeland Security wanted to move any portion of its facility to the East Campus.
- Asked if the National Capital Planning Commission voted to reduce the land use on the East Campus.
- Concerned that GSA has misrepresented the need to have an environmental impact study and has refused to address environmental justice issues. Wanted to know if development of the west campus is subject to the Presidential order that deals with environmental justice issues.
- Will the construction for the proposed site require a change in the street layout or a re-routing of traffic? Also, wanted to know if the proposed construction will require relocation of any community residents.
- Will the community comments regarding the proposed development be incorporated in the plan review?
- Asked whether there will be required employment and minority business participation opportunities for DC residents in connection with the proposed development.
- Wanted to know if Councilman Marion Barry be briefed about the comments from the community regarding the proposed development.

## **NEXT STEPS**

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- September 29, 2008 – Release plan for review & comments
- October 28, 2008 – Mayor's Hearing

- November 2008 – Mayor submits plan to City Council
- January to March 2009 – District advertises requests for master developer
- Future – Master Developer comes to the community with a refined plan